

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS)
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR (OD)
OFFICE OF GRANTS MANAGEMENT (OGM)**

NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY

**District of Columbia Fatherhood Initiative/Community Access Program (DCFI/CAP)
RFA# 0304-07**

The DC Fatherhood Initiative/Community Access Program (DCFI/CAP) is being made available as a result of DHS' successful bid for grant funds through the FY 2006 US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Promoting Responsible Fatherhood grant competition. DHS was selected in a national competition to receive one of only two 5-year grants with annual funding of \$2 million to implement a Fatherhood Initiative Community Access Program.

The grant award is made pursuant to the legislative authority of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law (P.L.) which amends Title IV, Section 403 (a)(2)(C) of the Social Security Act (42. U.S.C. 603 (a)(2)) to authorize competitive grants for States to develop and implement projects that support any of the three authorized activity areas: Healthy Marriage, Responsible Parenting and Economic Stability.

The objective of this effort is to provide a holistic approach to service delivery that will meet the needs of fathers and their families to ensure that fathers have the fundamental skills necessary to contribute to the financial, emotional and social development of their children. In addition, the programs and services offered attempt to remove the many environmental barriers (economic, educational, employment, etc.) that negatively impact a father's involvement and support with his family and child(ren).

DHS, through the HHS federal fatherhood award, will make available approximately \$1,400,000.00 annually in funding for this program with the intention of granting awards at \$50,000.00 each. Applications are requested from all non-governmental private entities including, grass-roots, community- and faith-based organizations that are non-profit social service providers.

Starting Thursday, June 14, 2007, applications can be obtained online by visiting the DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development's (OPGD) website at <http://www.opgd.dc.gov>, and following the link entitled: District Grants Clearinghouse. Also on the 14th, applications may be obtained from Ms. Priscilla Burnett, Program Assistant for the Office of Grants Management at 64 New York Avenue, N.E., Washington, DC, 6th floor. Please call: (202) 671-4407.

A Pre-Application Conference will be held on Thursday, June 28, 2007, from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM at the Department of Human Services, 64 New York Avenue, N.E., Washington, DC 6th floor, Directors Conference Room, DC 20020. ***Please RSVP to Ms. Burnett no later than 4:45 PM on Wednesday, June 27, 2007.***

The deadline for application submission is July 25, at 3:30 PM.